inter-alia raised issues of giving preference to value adders in grant of mineral concession, grant of large areas under reconnaissance and prospecting licence, export of iron ore concerns, reservation of mining areas for State PSUs and royalty rates on *ad valorem* basis on minerals.

(b) and (c) The issues raised in the memorandum are under consideration of the Government.

Reservation for Dalit Muslims

†66. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some policy has been formulated for reservation of Dalit-Muslims in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the area covered under this provision of reservation and extent thereof; and

(c) if the policy has not yet been formulated, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities has been set up to recommend measures for the welfare of socially and economically backward sections amongst religious and linguistic minorities, including reservation in education and Government employment.

Socio-economic condition of minorities

67. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to conduct or to set up any Committee to study the social-economic condition of minorities other than the Muslims, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Tribals in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh suffer dual disadvantage of being minority; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.